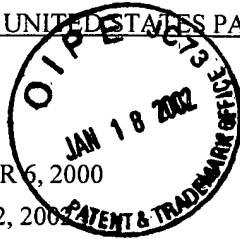


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In response to the Office Action of October 2, 2001, please enter this amendment and consider the following remarks for the patent application identified above.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, and 10-12 as follows.

1. (AMENDED) A method of operating a cooling tower, comprising feeding to said cooling tower a make-up stream of water containing organic and/or biological contaminants, causing a side stream taken from a recirculating stream to pass through an electrolytic cell that performs oxidation/reduction reactions using DC electrical current for decomposing water and generating chlorine, removing solids precipitated by the action of said cell, and remixing said treated side stream with the main stream, before feeding them to said cooling tower.
5. (TWICE AMENDED) A method according to claim 1, further comprising adding a non-oxidizing biocide to the re-circulating stream as an aid in the prevention of biofouling.

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